

**Fairfax County Park Authority  
Board Meeting  
September 11, 2013**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m. at 12055 Government Center Parkway, Room 941, Fairfax, Virginia.

**Board Members:**

William G. Bouie, Chairman  
Kala Leggett Quintana, Secretary  
Ken Quincy, Treasurer  
Edward R. Batten, Sr.  
Mary Cortina  
Linwood Gorham  
Faisal Khan  
Harold L. Strickland  
Richard (Rip) C. Sullivan, Jr.  
Michael Thompson, Jr.  
Frank J. Vajda  
Anthony J. Vellucci

**Staff Present:**

Cindy Messinger, Acting Director  
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO  
Barbara Gorski, Administrative Assistant  
Judy Pedersen, PIO  
Barbara Nugent  
Todd Johnson  
Cindy Walsh  
David Bowden  
Julie Cline  
Brian Williams

**Absent\***

**Guests:** Cynthia Tianti, County Attorney  
Ryan Wolf, County Attorney  
Elizabeth Teare, County Attorney

**CHANGE TO THE AGENDA**

Mr. Bouie announced that Action Item-1 Scope Approval – Audrey Moore RECenter Natatorium West Wall Repairs has been added to the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No speakers were present.

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 7:45 p.m. Ms. Quintana made a motion to enter into Closed Session for

- (a) consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body pursuant to VA Code 2.2-3712.
- (b) discussion of the acquisition or disposition of real property for a public purpose, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of this public body.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Batten and approved by all members present.

**APPROVED AND SIGNED SEPTEMBER 25, 2013**

- **Legal Matters – Update on Litigation FCPA vs. Voyten and Associates**
- **Land Acquisition**

### **CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

Ms. Quintana made a motion that the Park Authority Board certify, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Virginia Code 2.2-3712 and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Board; seconded by Mr. Vajda. The motion carried unanimously.

C-1 FCPA vs. Voyten and Associates - Update  
No action was necessary.

C-2 Add Property Located in the Springfield District to the Work Plan  
Mr. Vajda made a motion to add property located in the Springfield District to the work plan; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried unanimously.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

ADMIN-1 Adoption of Minutes, July 24, 2013, Park Authority Board Meeting  
Mr. Vajda made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2013, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Mr. Batten. The motion carried unanimously.

### **ACTION**

A-1 Scope Approval – Audrey Moore RECenter Natatorium West Wall Repair (Braddock District)  
Mr. Vellucci made a motion to approve the project scope to design and repair the west wall of the natatorium and related work at the Audrey Moore RECenter; seconded by Ms. Quintana and Ms. Cortina. The motion carried unanimously.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

I-1 Trends - Demographic  
No action was necessary.

### **CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS:**

- Mr. Bouie recalled the tragedy of 9/11 and told the story of where he was on that day.
- Mr. Bouie welcomed Judy Pedersen back stating that he was pleased she is doing better.
- Mr. Bouie and the entire board congratulated Mr. Quincy on receipt of the VRPS Distinguished Volunteer Award.

- Mr. Bouie attended the Board of Supervisors' recognition of Kevin Fay. Mr. Fay was his eloquent self until the end when he choked up a bit. MR. Fay was very pleased and took his time to promote staff, the Park Authority's mission, and the fact that he will always be there to support Parks. Mr. Bouie indicated that he was sure Kevin would continue to be involved. Mr. Batten added that Mr. Fay will be brought on to the Foundation Board as soon as possible.
- Along with Mr. Thompson and Mr. Strickland, Mr. Bouie attended the ceremony at Braddock Park naming the softball complex in honor of Sharon Sealock. Messrs. Strickland and Thompson expressed their appreciation for the work Ms. Sealock had done to make things better for the county.
- Mr. Bouie attended the opening of the new synthetic turf fields at South Lakes High School adding that the five new fields which opened in the past week were part of the discussion of the Synthetic Turf Task Force.
- Each board member received a high school athletic pass from Schools. Mr. Bouie indicated that he would send Mr. Curran a note of appreciation for the courtesy. Mr. Bouie encouraged the board members to support their local teams.
- A public meeting was held in the Hunter Mill District to discuss the Resident Curator Program. The meeting was well attended by folks from the Hunter Mill District as well as the neighboring area of Great Falls. There was a lot of interest as to what the program was about, how they can get involved in the program, what the tangible elements are, and what the term of the contract is.
- Sad news! Michael the draft horse at Frying Pan Farm Park is being put down. It is ten years past his life expectancy. It is not a happy moment. The folks at Frying Pan are worried about Michael's counterpart, Jesse, who is not in the best of health and age. Judy Pedersen added that PIO was working on a blog piece and a farewell which will be live in a couple of days.
- Park Authority site and facility tours for the Park Board and Foundation Board begin on Saturday, September 14, at 8:30 a.m. at Huntley Meadows Park. There is still room for more, so he encouraged the board members to sign up if they had not already done so. (The tour for September 14 was subsequently cancelled and the next tour will take place on October 5. Details will be provided.)
- At the Board of Supervisors' meeting on September 10, Mr. Bouie presented Chairman Bulova, County Executive Ed Long, and Deputy County Executive Rob Stalzer Park Authority shirts.
- With recent changes to the board, Mr. Bouie announced the need for a new group photo. After brief discussion, the group photo will be delayed until October 23. He reminded the

board that Clerk to the Court John Frey will attend the September 25 meeting to administer the oath of office to Mr. Sullivan.

- Mr. Bouie updated the board on the director's recruitment process indicating that 256 resumes were received. Human Resources has categorized them into those meeting the criteria, almost meeting the criteria, and may be interesting to look at. The Executive Committee will discuss the resumes at its meeting following tonight's board meeting. On September 25 the Selection Committee which consists of the Executive Committee, Harold Leff (Athletic Council President), Bruce McLeod (Park Foundation Board), and Rob Stalzer (Deputy County Executive), will try to get the applicants down to a manageable level. The entire Park Board will then spend a couple of complete days interviewing the candidates to decide on the finalist. Mr. Bouie hopes that the board can make an offer by the end of November. Mr. Bouie added that he will get the board some dates out in October within the week to ensure that everyone is available.

#### **DIRECTOR'S MATTERS:**

- Cindy Messinger stated that after some well-deserved breaks by staff, they have been busier than ever working on the budget developments, the strategic plan projects, and work plans.
- Ms. Messinger commended staff on the presentation they put together for the capital infrastructure financing committee held earlier in the day.
- August was a great month. The weather was great. There were hundreds of programs with hundreds of kids and participants. Park Services will provide an update later this fall once the numbers are all in.
- Resource Management had some spectacular events recently including the 4-H Fair at Frying Pan Farm Park with 15,000 people and the Riverbend Virginia Indian Festival with 2,100 participants.
- Everyone is looking forward to what's ahead, are working hard to move everything forward, and are looking forward to the board tours beginning on Saturday, September 25.

#### **BOARD MATTERS:**

- Mr. Strickland welcomed Mr. Sullivan and stated that he looks forward to hearing his perspective.

He commended Mike Thompson for a job well-done at the Sharon Sealock dedication.

- Mr. Sullivan indicated that he was thrilled to be on the Park Board and felt extremely welcome when he attended the July 24 meeting, even though he was not a member yet. He added that he would remain rookie status for a while and keep quiet, but he is not shy.

- Mr. Vellucci thanked Sousan Frankeberger and John Berlin for the Braddock Nights and the Summer Concert Series overall.
- Mr. Thompson thanked Mr. Vellucci and Mr. Batten for ensuring that he was invited to a FLAP meeting, though he could not attend since two board members were already present.

Mr. Thompson commended staff for the Sharon Sealock dedication. It was an awesome event. He was provided great remarks. Ms. Sealock was one of the people who fought early on for Title IX issues. One of the reasons she became so involved with Braddock Park was because women's leagues were not getting good field time or good field space. Because of her efforts his daughters can play on nice fields and he really appreciates that.

Mr. Thompson recommended that if anyone is ever at Braddock Park they should go the center near the base of the softball diamond and view the sign with Ms. Sealock's likeness on it. When she saw this sign she cried.

He noted a number of staff attended the event including Cindy Messinger, Sara Baldwin, Todd Johnson, and Barbara Nugent.

- Ms. Cortina thanked Sandy Stallman and Andi Dorlester for giving her a nice presentation on the Urban Parks Standards and the Tysons Corner Master Plan.
- While the county was still trying to find some space for the children's museum, Park property has been taken off the table. Ms. Cortina expressed appreciation for the Park Authority's efforts to try to accommodate the effort.
- On behalf of her family, Ms. Cortina thanked everyone for the wonderful park experiences they had this summer. They visited a number of sites, attended concerts, biked trails, and her son attended a class and a camp. Staff at all the sites were incredible and she is proud to be part of the agency. There is a need for a little maintenance here or there, which one can't help notice as a Park Authority Board member, but those parks were fantastic.
- Ms. Quintana apologized for not being able to attend the July 24 board meeting as she was hosting a public hearing for the money that Northern Virginia would be receiving from the Department of Transportation in the future providing the Supreme Court rules in our favor.

She thanked everyone for supporting the resolution for Dr. Mittereder who retired as the Director of Legislative Affairs. It is a well-deserved recognition and she wishes Dr. Mittereder well in her endeavors.

Ms. Quintana and her family attended the 4-H Fair and had a great time. It was wonderful to see all the children and young people show off their work with the animals. The 4-H Club is a great asset to the community. A great job was done by staff.

She welcomed Mr. Sullivan to the board.

Ms. Quintana stated that she is looking forward to the site and facility tour this weekend. It is a great way for everyone to see the assets the Park Authority has.

Ms. Quintana also spent a lot of time visiting Green Spring Gardens, Clemyjontri Park, and Burke Lake over the summer.

Recently her son was enrolled in a pre-K program at Ravensworth Elementary for special needs for a speech related issue he has. She was heartened when she opened up the introductory packet and found a flyer for our Special Harbor and for some of the programs in the parks that we have that address kids with special needs. She does not know if this was something a teacher happened to pull together or if this was a cross-agency effort but she would like to see more of that and tie in the Park Foundation like the Joey Pizzano Memorial Fund. Parks needs to find an opportunity to work with Schools to make sure the parents know there are parks that serve special needs kids.

- Mr. Quincy seconded Bill Bouie's comments about the Resident Curator Program public meeting adding that he was impressed by some of the suggestions and participation at that meeting.

Mr. Quincy attended the ribbon cutting for the synthetic turf field at Oakton High School. The field was beautiful. There was a good representation from the School Board as well as fans. He received a lot of thanks for the Park Authority for its role in helping to provide those fields.

He and Sara Baldwin met with consultants for Schools on the SLEEP initiative which has been reborn. It was an informative meeting about the different sleep cycles of teenagers and all the different clocks we have inside of us. It was very interesting.

Ms. Baldwin added that the contractors were hired by Schools to come up with options of how they will delay the high start time to 8 o'clock or later. At this time they are looking at three different options. One is flipping elementary and high schools, which is something they looked at in 2008. Another is pushing everything forty minutes. The third option is to keep elementary schools the same and do something different with different middle schools depending on the area of the county they are in and pushing high schools past 8 o'clock.

Parks' task from here is to take the three options, run some numbers and return to the consultant with how this will impact the Park Authority. Staff is working on that now. The next step will be for this contractor to get some key leaders together to look at the different options that they have come up with. From there the stakeholders will review the options, weigh the pros and cons, and then another set of options will be developed which will then go out to public forums where the community will be able to weigh in on the options the contractor has provided.

It was very clear in the discussions that the consultants' role is to figure out how this can be done, not whether or not it will happen.

Mr. Quincy commented that this is the first step and it is obvious that Parks needs to look at the impact of its recreational facilities and users.

Mr. Bouie noted that Parks spent a considerable amount of time discussing this when it came up in 2008 and the impacts it had on Parks and Schools, and the impact it would have on Parks' customers.

Mr. Strickland remarked that in 2008 the Park Authority was very careful to provide factual information and did not take a position, that's the educators' decision. He hopes that Parks will do the same again.

Mr. Quincy indicated that that was the goal.

Ms. Baldwin mentioned that the report is due to the School Board on January 13 and from there the School Board will vote.

Mr. Quincy informed the Board that he attended the VRPS Annual Conference for an afternoon and evening. This is a very, very good conference. He spoke with several participants and sat through one of the classes. Interestingly enough, one of the sessions was on how to raise prices without making people mad. There was a good turnout of Park Authority staff which was very beneficial and it was money well-spent for a conference of this caliber. He hopes that this be considered in the future.

The Park Authority won two other awards as well. Historic Huntley received an award for the Best New Renovation/Addition – Bricks and Mortar; and REI, Inc. received a Distinguished Private Sector Award. Fairfax County was well-represented.

Mr. Quincy stated that he was very honored to receive his award, but it was especially meaningful to learn that the nomination came from staff. That really means a lot to him. He has heard staff often say that it means a lot to be recognized by the board, but as a board member it means a lot to him to be recognized by staff.

- Mr. Vajda welcomed Mr. Sullivan.

Supervisor Gross joins Mr. Vajda in thanking Sousan Frankeberger for an outstanding program that she put together for the Summer Concert Series at Mason District Park and at Ossian Hall.

On Tuesday, September 17, at 10 a.m. there is an All Hands meeting. As part of that meeting the annual Trailblazer Awards will be presented. In addition to that, there will be an additional award recognizing lifesavers that involves an incident that occurred at the Providence RECenter. On the 24th of May about six or seven folks who were at the pool area were involved. They were present when an observer at Providence pool fell and sustained a traumatic injury. Mr. Sam Stulberg an 88-year-old male suddenly fell backward from the bleachers to the tiled deck floor of the pool. All providers acted quickly and

appropriately to assess Mr. Stulberg's injuries while maintaining pool safety for participants until emergency personnel arrived. Mr. Damian Schlussel was a by stander that immediately took Cspine control of the patient to prevent further injury while assessing Mr. Stulberg's mental status. He retained that position throughout incident until Fire and Rescue personnel secured the patient with a backboard and cervical collar. Mr. Stulberg is doing better.

This is a Fire Department Citizen Recognition Award for Outstanding First Aid Care, Medical Care and Assessment, which will be very nice for the personnel at Providence RECenter and the bystander, Mr. Schlussel.

Mr. Vajda offered fair warning to the respective board members Supervisors. Providence RECenter was not originally in the Mason District, but in Providence. Supervisor Gross thought Providence RECenter was an excellent facility and that she ought to start using it, so she began working out and he believes she has been doing so for at least six months. It turns out that during the month of July she led the women in weightlifting, in terms of the FitLinxx equipment. She lifted a total of at least a million pounds in July. She led the women's group, the men out did her, but in August she lifted just under 1.4 million pounds. She was the leader not only in the women's group, but she also beat the men.

- Mr. Batten welcomed Mr. Sullivan and looks forward to working with him.

Mr. Batten thanked Mr. Quincy for reminding him that Historic Huntley had received an award at the VRPS conference. They have done some fantastic work at Historic Huntley and the community is very supportive of what Parks has done. The community would to see us do more as far as the Tenant House and things are concerned.

On Saturday, September 21, the Friends of Historic Huntley are going to host a Groveton neighborhood gathering to celebrate the publication of Ms. Charlotte Brown's book, *Groveton*, which happens to be the community in which Supervisor McKay grew up. Ms. Brown is dedicating all the proceeds from the sale of her book to the Friends of Historic Huntley. Ed invited the board to come out. They are expecting a diverse and significant attendance.

Mr. Batten congratulated Mr. Quincy again for the receipt of the VRPS Distinguished Volunteer Award. As Mr. Batten noted in an email message to Mr. Quincy, he does not think anyone deserves it more than him. He has committed a great deal to this organization and to the community at large, Fairfax County, and metropolitan D.C.

Mr. Batten spoke with Ms. Longworth about the outcome of the USGA APL Tournament and acknowledges and recognizes three significant public partners. One is the Fairfax County Office of Public Private Partnerships, Vance Zavela; Visit Fairfax, Eric Kulczycky; and, South County High School, John Caulfield, Head Golf Coach, Mike Plugrath, Assistant Principal and Mary DeKanter Administrative Assistant. Ms. Longworth will work with Ms. Pedersen to formulate the resolutions.



Mr. Batten once again asked the board to offer up the names of individuals that would make the kind of Park Foundation Board members the organization needs.

Mr. Batten told Mr. Thompson that the next time he wants to attend a FLAP meeting he should let him know and he would not attend. Mr. Vellucci indicated that he would send Ms. Gorski an email with the meeting dates to add to the board calendar to help eliminate any confusion.

Mr. Batten indicated that Mr. Vellucci had probably already congratulated Mr. Hickey on being selected as an Elly Doyle winner and that Channel 16 will attend the FLAP meeting on September 12 to do some filming.

- Mr. Gorham reported that South County HS defeated Mount Vernon HS 40-7; defeated Hayfield HS 58-21 (none of which have turf fields), and the last school in the area South County hasn't played, Potomac, does not have a turf field.

Mr. Gorham congratulated Mr. Quincy on his VRPS award and on the turf fields he had just done ribbon cuttings for. Mr. Gorham spoke of four fields that need to get turfed pronto and asked that the board work with him to get that done.

Mr. Gorham thanked Ms. Frankeberger for not one, but two concert series in the Mount Vernon District--one series, two locations. He asked the board to think about what she does. He has seen all of them in the Mount Vernon District in the past three years and there has not been a glitch in any of them, ever. Think about the details that she goes through to make that happen. He thinks that perhaps she is not appreciated enough because she makes it look so easy and is always so cordial and friendly to the board. She is truly a jewel.

Mr. Vellucci added Mr. Berlin to the accolades.

Mr. Gorham welcomed Mr. Sullivan and asked him not to sit and watch too long before he speaks up as he is interested to hear a fresh perspective.

- Mr. Khan welcomed Mr. Sullivan to the board and also looks forward to working with him.

Mr. Khan congratulated Mr. Quincy for his achievement noting that it is very well-deserved. He added that he is honored to be on the board with Mr. Quincy and expects much more good work from Mr. Quincy in the future as usual.

Mr. Khan thanked Mr. Bowden for coming out to observe his cricket game recently. He hopes that one day all the board members will attend a game.

Before going into the August recess, Mr. Khan made a personal commitment to get out on at least one trail. He went out to Lake Accotink, walked the trail and enjoyed it thoroughly.

Mr. Khan announced that he finished his Red Cross First Aid certification during August.

- Mr. Bouie reported that he received a request for a fee waiver earlier in the day from Ms. Hammond, a former park staffer and now the director of the Animal Shelter. She would like to hold an event to recognize rescue partners and would like to use Frying Pan Farm Park Visitors Center on a Sunday afternoon or evening in October or November. Bill indicated he would pass this along to Cindy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Bouie called the meeting to a close at 9:34 p.m.

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Kala Leggett Quintana

Minutes Approved at Meeting  
on September 25, 2013

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Cindy Messinger, Acting Director

Park Authority Board Minutes prepared by

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